## **2014 MONTANA NOTARY CONFERENCE GUEST PRESENTERS**



William Anderson - Vice President, National Notary Association. A California Notary since 1996, Anderson has created curriculum and presented Notary education courses in nearly 40 U.S. states. He currently oversees the NNA's legislative affairs and Notary bonds and insurance programs, and works to promote, professionalize and elevate the Notary Public profession by researching Notary Public law and technology issues, writing on topics relevant to Notaries, developing policy, and promoting legislation. He is the secretary of the Signing Professionals Workshop and works closely in developing standards for Notary Signing Agents. Anderson will present "Introduction for Notary Signing Agents" and "Changes in Banking & Lending Regulations."



Richard M Burton - Instructor, Notary Law Institute. Having taught notary law in nearly every state, he is experienced in understanding notarial law and the problems notaries face. As a notary, Burton brings valuable insights and illustrative stories to strengthen notary skills and make his classes fun and jam-packed with information. Burton will present "Journaling the Right Way" and "Who's Signing Here?"



Kathleen Butler - Executive Director, American Society of Notaries. She has served as its Executive Director since 2001, guiding the Society's reorganization and growth in product offerings, education and member services for notaries public. She represents the Society in all matters concerning notary public policy, at the state and national level. Butler will present "Notary 201 – Advanced Class" and "See How It's Done – Notary Vignettes."



Michael L. Closen, Esq. - Prof. Emeritus, John Marshall Law School; J.D. University of Illinois; Member of Drafting Committees for the Notary Public Code of Professional Responsibility, The Model Notary Act of 2002, and the Model Notary Act of 2009. He has authored or co-authored dozens of books, and law review articles, including "The Case That There is a Common Law Duty of Notaries Public to Create and Preserve Detailed Journal Records of Their Official Acts," and Notary Law & Practice – Cases & Materials. Closen has been a consultant or expert witness in several cases involving notaries public, including the highly publicized case involving employer liability, Vancuris v. Katris. Closen will present "Notary Law & Ethics for Legal Professionals" and "Notary Law & Ethics for Professionals."



William Fritzlen - Attorney-Adviser in Office of Legal Affairs for Overseas Citizens Services at the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs. He works with the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law in drafting of its publication, Apostille Handbook, A Handbook on the Practical Operation of the Apostille Convention. He has also worked extensively on the United States' implementation of the Hague Adoption Convention and advises the Office of Children's Issues on matters related to inter-country adoption. Fritzlen is an expert on notarial law and serves on the Notary Public Administrators Section of the National Association of Secretaries of State. Fritzlen will share his expertise in the workshops "It's All Greek to Me -Notarizing Foreign Language Documents" and "Apostilles - Certifying Documents for Foreign Countries."

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Lydia Gomes - Trainer and Loan Support, Farmers State Bank. Gomes has trained in the financial industry for over 30 years and has been a Montana notary public since 1996. She has been a Montana Certified Training Provider for Notaries since 2010. She shares her expertise in banking and lending as well as her notarial knowledge in the workshop "Proving Authority & Capacity."



Chrissey Ladd - Curriculum Development/Education Manager, Notary Power LLC; Faculty Member, Lorman Education Services, began her notarial career in 1997 in compliance with a request from her employer in California. Since then, she has received her commission in three states. In 2011 she was named Notary of the Year by the National Notary Association and continues to serve as a subject matter expert in cases involving notaries, notarized documents, or notary process and practice. Ladd is dedicated to the education of notaries public, their employers and those drafting documents necessitating execution by a notary public. Ladd will present "Notary Jeopardy!" and "Creating a Compliant Notary Policy for Your Business."



Daniel Lewis - Managing Partner, Lewis Notary Services Inc., is a nationally recognized speaker on notarial issues. He has conducted workshops all across the country for Land Title Associations, Notary Community Days, and for the National Notary Association. An entrepreneur, business executive, instructional filmmaker, social media expert and strategic Notary consultant, Lewis addresses innovation and a diverse range of industry topics including underwriting, title procedures, marketing, contract negotiation, effective use of social media, closing procedures, and more. Lewis received national acclaim by being selected as the 2010 NNA Notary of the Year. In the same year he was honored by the Indiana Secretary of State as an Honorary Secretary of State. Lewis will present "Income Opportunities for Notaries" and "Branding & Marketing Your Notary Business."



Carol Salter - Contracts Coordinator, McKee Medical Center, Loveland, CO. is nationally recognized as an authority for notaries working in health related fields. She is responsible for managing and training the Notaries Public for the Banner Health System, one of the largest nonprofit hospital systems in the country, operating in seven states. She has developed and maintains an online Notary education course for her hospital system. Salter has worked with the Colorado Secretary of State's office in testifying at committee hearings which resulted in the recent positive changes in Colorado Notary law. She was recognized as the 2005 Notary of the Year by the National Notary Association for her contributions to the office. Salter will present "Notarizing for Medical Professionals."